



## RTCA in Montana

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. The National Park Service (NPS) staff provide technical assistance to community groups, city, county, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations working to enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation opportunities. We help local leaders plan and design trails and parks; conserve and improve access to natural areas; protect special places; and create recreation opportunities.

The RTCA program in Montana offers a wide range of services that can be tailored to meet the needs of an individual project. The NPS staff members are trained facilitators who encourage project leaders to build collaborative partnerships among governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. The program helps communities and groups define their vision, goals, and objectives; analyze issues and opportunities; and develop strategic action plans and time lines for projects. We do not provide financial assistance, but can help project partners identify and secure sources of funding and technical support.

Any community with committed project partners can apply for assistance. Believing the best plans are completed locally, the National Park Service will work with partners to encourage broad-based community participation in planning, designing, and implementing the projects we support.



Restoration area in Bogert Park (Bozeman, Montana)

In 2016, the National Park Service in Montana will work on a variety of projects including:

- **Anaconda Trails** – Developing a trail network throughout the Anaconda Superfund site that connects residents and visitors with parks, streams, lakes and neighborhoods. Public benefits are expected to be improved public health, increased economic development, and open space preservation.
- **Bogert Park** – Restoring 800 linear feet of Bozeman Creek through Bogert Park. The project will provide ecological, recreational, and educational benefits, with a focus on creating a healthy aquatic environment and a productive community fishery.
- **Philipsburg Trails** – Creating a trail system in and around Philipsburg, Montana to increase local walking, hiking and biking opportunities for residents of Granite County and provide safe routes for bicyclists.

The RTCA office in Bozeman, Montana is part of the Intermountain Region. For more information about the RTCA program refer to: [www.nps.gov/rtca](http://www.nps.gov/rtca), or for information about ongoing or potential RTCA projects in Montana contact:

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